

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JEROME DON WILLMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Case No. 21-CV-1476-JPS

ORDER

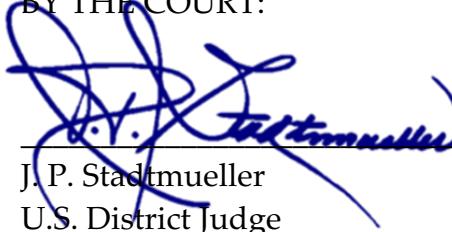
On July 11, 2022, the Court remanded this case to the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to the parties' joint stipulation for remand. ECF No. 17, *see also* June 2, 2022 text only order. On October 7, 2022, the parties filed a stipulated motion requesting that Plaintiff receive an award of attorney's fees, pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (the "EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. ECF No. 21. Pursuant to that stipulation, and because the Court finds that the fees incurred are both reasonable and necessary and qualify under the EAJA, the Court will grant the motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the parties' stipulated motion for an award of attorney's fees, ECF No. 21, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**; an award of attorney's fees in the sum of \$7,849.87 shall be paid by Defendant in full satisfaction and settlement of any and all claims Plaintiff may have in this matter pursuant to the EAJA. These fees are awarded to Plaintiff and not Plaintiff's attorney and can be offset to satisfy pre-existing debts that the litigant owes the United States under *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010). If counsel for the parties verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, then Defendant shall direct that the award be made

payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff and counsel. If Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt subject to offset in an amount less than the EAJA award, the Social Security Administration will instruct the U.S. Department of Treasury that any check for the remainder after offset will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to the business address of Plaintiff's attorney.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 14th of October, 2022.

BY THE COURT:



J. P. Stadtmueller
U.S. District Judge